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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Moroni, Antonio

Examiner: Pellegrino, Brian E.

Application No.: 09/577,790

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Docket: 760-116 RCE II

For: **IMPLANTABLE PROSTHESES  
WITH IMPROVED MECHANICAL  
AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES**

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated December 29, 2004, a reply to which is due March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. As this response is being filed within two months of the mailing of the Office Action, a reply by the three month due date is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.**

**Remarks begin on page 7 of this submission.**